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Applicants: Y. NAGAI et al.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Box AF  
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April 29, 2002

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of October 31, 2001, which replaced the incomplete final Office Action of October 11, 2001, and restarted the period for response, and further to the Notice of Appeal of February 28, 2002, and in conjunction with the accompanying Appeal Brief and Information Disclosure Statement, please amend the above-identified application as follows solely to place the claims in better form for consideration on appeal.

No additional claim fee is due in connection with the filing of the present amendment.